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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Hideyuki AGATA et al.

Serial No.: 09/845,994

Filed: April 30, 2001

For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PROCESSING INFORMATION, AND PROGRAM AND MEDIUM USED THEREFOR

Art Unit: 2186

Examiner: CHOI, Woo H.

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Claims as Amended

(1)	(2) Claims remaining after amendment	(3)	(4) Highest number previously paid for	(5) Present extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional fee
Total claims	7	Minus	20 =	0 x	\$18(9)	= \$0
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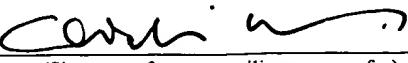
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This application contains a multiple dependent claim. The required fee of \$290 has been previously paid ___, or is paid herewith ___.
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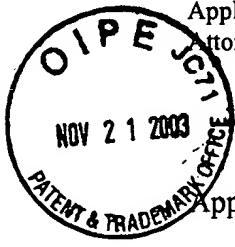
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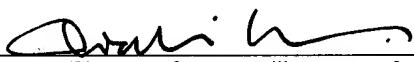
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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of May 22, 2003, please amend the above-identified
application as follows: